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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT PEREZ' EXPECTATIONS OF THE
CARTER ADMINISTRATION

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1. JOHN ELSON, TIME FOREIGN EDITOR NOW VISITING VENEZUELA, ARGENTINA, BRAZIL AND SOUTH AFRICA, MET WITH PRESIDENT PEREZ FEBRUARY 1. MEETING WAS "ON THE RECORD". ELSON OBSERVED, HOWEVER, THAT THE REAL INTENDED AUDIENCE FOR PEREZ' COMMENTS WAS PRESIDENT CARTER AND THE INCOMING ADMINISTRATION.

2. ELSON SAID THAT PEREZ MENTIONED ALL HIS FAMILIAR THEMES INCLUDING NEED FOR A PROMPT SOLUTION TO THE PANAMA CANAL PROBLEM AND HIS PLEASURE AT THE RAPID MOMENTUM ALREADY GATHERED BY THE NEW ADMINISTRATION TOWARD ITS RESOLUTION; JUSTIFICATION OF OPEC; DEFENSE OF INTEGRATION AND THE CRITICAL NEED FOR THE U.S. TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING IN THE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE.

3. THERE WAS LITTLE NEW IN WAHT PEREZ SAID ACCORDING TO ELSON, BUT ONE IMPRESSION WAS EXTREMELY CLEAR, PEREZ HAS VERY HIGH EXPECTATIONS, NOT ONLY FOR HIS GOVERNMENT'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION, BUT ALSO IN TERMS OF WHAT HE EXPECTS
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OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION IN TERMS OF HEMISPHERIC AND THIRD WORLD RELATIONS.

4. COMMENT: IT IS IMPORTANT NOT TO UNDERESTIMATE THESE EXPECTATIONS. THE POTENTIAL FOR HURT FEELINGS, MISTAKES AND MISPERCEPTIONS IS GREAT. PARA 8-9 OF THE REFERENCE GIVES FULLER TREATMENT TO THIS ASPECT OF U.S.-VENEZUELAN

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